

Claims

What is claimed is:

1. A backhoe loader comprising:  
an arm and bucket having a first configuration in which a pair of pads are adjacent to and at least partially supporting the arm and bucket, but a bottom of the bucket is mostly above a plane tangent to four tires;  
the arm and the bucket having a second configuration in which the bottom of the bucket is in the plane, but the pads are above the plane.
2. The backhoe loader of claim 1 wherein the pads are wear pads removeably attached to the bucket.
3. The backhoe loader of claim 1 wherein the bucket includes at least one arm connector, and the pads are attached to a rear adjacent opposite sides of the bucket;  
the arm connector being on a bucket side of a tangent to the pads when the arm and bucket are in the first configuration.
4. The backhoe loader of claim 1 including a steel plate frame having a bucket attachment side oriented at an acute angle with respect to a stabilizer side; and  
the pads each including a wear pad removeably attached to the stabilizer side.
5. The backhoe loader of claim 1 wherein an end of the arm is on a bucket side a plane tangent to the pads when the arm and bucket are in the first configuration.

6. The backhoe loader of claim 1 wherein the bucket is in a fully curled position with respect to the arm when the arm and bucket are in the first configuration.

7. A bucket for a backhoe loader comprising:  
a bottom adjacent a rear;  
a pair of pads attached to the rear adjacent opposite sides of the bucket, and also including at least one arm connector;  
the pads being above a tangent to the bottom; and  
the arm connector being on a bucket side of a tangent to the pads.

8. The bucket of claim 7 wherein pads are wear pads removeably attached to the bucket.

9. The bucket of claim 7 including a steel plate frame having a bucket attachment side oriented at an acute angle with respect to a stabilizer side;  
and

the pads each include a wear pad removeably attached to the stabilizer side.

10. The bucket of claim 7 wherein the pads include wear pads that are attached to plates, which are removeably attached to the rear.

11. A stabilizer pad accessory for attachment to a backhoe loader bucket, the accessory comprising:

a steel plate frame having a bucket attachment side oriented at an acute angle with respect to a stabilizer side; and  
a stabilizer wear pad removeably attached to said stabilizer side.

12. The stabilizer pad accessory of claim 11 including a support plate removeably attached to the steel plate frame on one side, and affixed to the wear pad on an opposite side.